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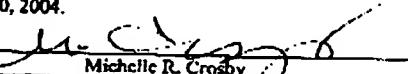
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The attached interview summary is respectfully submitted in response to your communication dated November 04, 2004.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The courteous telephone interview granted applicants' undersigned attorney by Examiner Quan on July 27, 2004 is hereby respectfully acknowledged.

The rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103 were discussed. More specifically, it was pointed out to the Examiner that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,149,882 (Guan et al.) and 6,395,552 (Borade et al.) are not prior art with respect to the rejected claims. It was also noted that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,602,714 (Tagge et al.) and 6,165,417 (Swierkowski) are not prior art with respect to the rejected claims.

Since the subject patent application is a continuation-in-part, the Examiner requested that applicants file a response pointing out support for the claims in the parent patent.

Appl. No. 09/691,421  
Amd. Dated August 4, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of May 5, 2004

As requested by the Examiner, a discussion of the prior art references and support for the rejected claims in the parent patent was provided in Amendment C, filed August 4, 2004 in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8695.

Respectfully submitted,



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